

Loew's and United Artists  
Ohio Theatre  
39 East State Street  
Columbus  
Franklin County  
Ohio

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STATE OHIO	COUNTY FRANKLIN	TOWN OR VICINITY COLUMBUS
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) LOEW'S AND UNITED ARTISTS OHIO THEATRE (1928-1969) (See The Ohio Theatre 1928-1978, by Mary Bishop et al.)		HABS NO. 0-2148
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Ohio Theatre (after 1969) [Note that architect's Schedule of Drawings refers to "Theatre Building for Chapel State Theatre Co." because of the street location. Not official name.]		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 39 East State Street (Earlier site was numbered 43. Change in store fronts changed number in 1929 State Street, is address for Columbus Association for the Performing Arts)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Begun Feb. 1929, completed Nov. 1928, opened March 17, 1928.	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Thomas W. Lamb, Architect, NYC, for Loew's Inc. George A. Fuller & Co., NYC, Contractor.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) 1928 Movie Palace by theatre architect Thomas W. Lamb (one of the three major theatre architects of the 1920s) remaining and restored as a performing arts center in 1970s.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Thomas Lamb's version of Iberian-American Baroque.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Steel and concrete, brick, and limestone ashlar.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See HABS photocopies of original Thomas W. Lamb 1927 architectural drawings.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Classical exterior with rusticated base, Renaissance Corinthian columns and pilasters with decorative attic wall panels.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Notable Iberian-American Baroque movie-palace decor throughout interior. See Lamb drawings in HABS photocopies.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1948, original screen replaced by one of larger size, and side curtains removed and other curtains changed; 1950, ladies' and men's lounges redone; 1956, marquee remodeled and new neon sign hung from portico. (See Columbus Dispatch Magazine, Sunday, Nov. 21, 1971)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Continuous use as performing arts center throughout restoration from 1970 into 1980s.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See: Columbus Dispatch Magazine, Sunday, Nov. 21, 1971, p. 34, June 18, 1972, p. 16, Dec. 29, 1974, p. 4, and The Ohio Theatre, 1928/1978, by Mary Bishop et al, Columbus, Ohio, Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (HABS Library, courtesy Mary Bishop).		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Telephone conversations, Lucy Pope Wheeler, HABS, with Mary Bishop; HABS photocopies of photographs of original Lamb architectural drawings, courtesy Mary Bishop; National Register Nomination.		
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